



September 15, 2023

Dear Sixth Grade families,

As we end our second week of school, we have seen our students gracefully adapt to the routines set forth by their teachers. We have also really enjoyed seeing your children's personalities show in their school work and in class discussions. We keep reminding students of our PBIS expectations: to always be safe, respectful, and responsible. We are also looking forward to West Fest. We hope to see you there next week!

### Homeroom Updates:

- **MAPS Testing:** Students started MAPS testing this past week, beginning with the language test. They will take the math and reading tests in this order on the next two Mondays, during first and second period. We encourage students to get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast so they're ready to go.
- **PBIS-** Remember that, with PBIS, students are expected to be safe, respectful, and responsible at all times. We use gator gold as a reward for good behavior. Students can use these in our gator store.
- **Absent?-** Remember to email the office [office@holyrosaryws.org](mailto:office@holyrosaryws.org) too.
- **Snack-** If your child gets hungry in the afternoon, please be sure to pack an easy snack for the afternoon recess. Lunch is at 11:05 this year.
- **Picture Day-** Picture day is Tuesday, September 19th. Students may wear free dress on picture day.

### MAGAZINE DRIVE:

The Magazine Drive has weekly incentives. This week, make 5 NEW SALES between 9/13 and 9/17 to win a \$25 gift card to Bakery Nouveau.

### Curriculum Updates:

**Math (Mrs. H):**

Monday: \*MAP Testing

Tuesday: \*1.7 Equations

Wednesday: \*Review (Day 1)

Thursday: \*Review (Day 2)

Friday: \*Ch. 1 Test

**Math (Mrs. C):** We will begin the last half of Chapter 3 next week dividing multi digit numbers and decimals. We will use class time on Monday to finish the Math portion of the MAPS test.

**Math (Mr. W):** Next week, we will continue chapter three: Compute With Multi-Digit Numbers. The lessons are as follows:

Monday: 3.4 Multiply Decimals by Decimals

Tuesday: 3.5 Divide Multi-Digit Numbers

Wednesday: 3.6 Estimate Quotients

Thursday: 3.7 Divide Decimals by Whole Numbers

Friday: 3.8 Divide Decimals by Decimals

**ELA:** We have had a lot of fun reading stories and articles about names. Students should be sure they have finished the reflection questions from the *Names and Nombres* short story for Monday's class discussion. Next week, we will start writing a 5 paragraph essay about names. Most of this work will be done in class. For Book Clubs, students have an assignment due on Friday Sept 22nd that can be located in Google Classroom.

**Social Studies: 6th Social Studies**

In Chapter 1, students are learning about social scientists who investigate the past. The "Essential Question" that we will be asking is: *How do social scientists interpret the past?* In the course of reading this lesson and participating in the classroom activity, students will

*Social Studies*

- explain how social scientists such as archaeologists, historians, and geographers investigate the past.
- hypothesize about the lives of prehistoric humans and compare ideas with those of social scientists.
- interpret a cave painting by using the methodology of social scientists.

*Language Arts*

- clarify an understanding of texts by creating logical notes.
- write expository compositions that offer persuasive evidence to validate arguments and conclusions.

**Science:** Students have made multisensory observations of sealed black boxes in an effort to determine what is inside.

Students worked in small groups to develop conceptual and physical models of the same black box. Students used these models to explain what was in their black boxes. The class will take a short quiz based on these experiences and notes they have taken next Tuesday (9/19).

**Religion:** We will focus our discussion on Sacred Scripture. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will start memorizing the books of the Old Testament. They will be able to organize the Old Testament books into sections: Pentateuch, Historical Book, Prophetic Books and the Wisdom Books.

### Calendar Updates:

- Sep 17th - Pancake Breakfast
- Sep 19th - School Pictures
- Sep 22nd-23rd - WestFest
- Oct 13 - No School (Teacher In-Service)
- April 25-26th - 6th Grade Camp (Miracle Ranch)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr. Williams and Mrs. Chiodo